

# The Foggy Bottom News

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THE VOICE OF FOGGY BOTTOM

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## National Airport Controversy Will Be Aired at Upcoming FB Association Meeting

The man who runs National Airport and the man who wants to abolish it will both speak at the next Foggy Bottom Association meeting, November 27.

Clarence R. Melugin, Jr., Manager of Washington National Airport, and Frank C. Waldrop, Chairman of the Committee Against National (CAN) will confront each other and residents of Foggy Bottom to speak on "Washington's Environment." Our neighborhood's familiarity with National's jets, the main cause of the controversy surrounding it, should make us an ideal audience.

Foggy Bottom borders the prescribed flight path (the Potomac River) that the jets must follow in approaching or leaving the airport. In addition, we are quite close to the airport itself, meaning that when the planes pass us they are lower and noisier.

This noise, together with possible safety hazards, and air pollution from jet exhaust, has prompted many area citizens to join in the CAN effort. However, the airport continues to do a thriving business, and we suspect that its proximity has been counted a blessing by local citizens who must travel frequently. At any rate, this is the issue--convenience vs. annoyance--and it is certain to get a good going over at the November 27 meeting. If you have strong feelings about the matter, one way or the other, here's your chance. As always, you don't have to be a member of the Foggy Bottom Association to attend meetings, but we can sign you up there if you'd like to join. Monday, November 27, Pillsbury Hall (St. Paul's Church, 2430 K Street, upstairs).

## TEN COMING UP

FBNews is on the threshold of its tenth anniversary. The first issue, edited by Charley Rogers, made its appearance in early 1958, with George MacKinnon as Business Manager. Incidentally, we surmise the fledgling paper was more than assisted by two civic-minded advertisers, D&W Market and Gold Liquors. Both of these local merchants have been advertisers since then.

As space allows, we hope to feature an excerpt from early issues in the coming months.

One such story concerns "two old bachelors, the Brothers Morus Rubra, who live in back of Hughes Court. One took up squatters' rights in the alley back of Bob Keith's at 918 - 25th. They're mulberry trees of ancient age--red ones.

"Goodness knows how long they've been here in Foggy Bottom--maybe since Colonial days, judging by their girth and the reach of their limbs which extend up above the roofs of nearby houses, and give shade to half a dozen patios."

We're delighted to report that the brothers are here today, behind the homes of Bob Keith and Holmes Alexander, both of whom have expended a great deal of effort to keep the brothers healthy. They still shade patios and testify to the tenacity of Mother Nature.



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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

**TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 3**

A true "town meeting," for the Northwest section of the City, will be held at 7:30 P.M., December 3, Wilson High School, Nebraska Avenue and Chesapeake Street.

The Sunday night meeting is one of four being held for each quadrant of Washington. The Chairman will be Stephen Pollak, who has been a special assistant to President Johnson on District affairs.

Walter Washington, the City's new Mayor, will also attend with his Deputy, Thomas Fletcher, as representatives of our new government. These meetings are an innovation for the City, and seem to reflect the spirit with which the new administration is taking up its duties. Foggy Bottom residents are urged to attend.

**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES  
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St. Mary's (Episcopal):

10:00 A.M.--Communion (St. Mary's will also hold a Thanksgiving Service on the Sunday following Thanksgiving)

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## IN THE NEWS THIS YEAR . . .

New features, as well as the resumption of an old one, are planned for the Foggy Bottom News this year.

Each issue will contain a brief resume of the preceding month's FBA meeting, and, when space permits, excerpts from the FBN of ten years ago, and the neighborhood news column seen in the FBN until last year, will be revived.

We have also acquired the services of a "resident philosopher" in the person of Alling Brown (last year's FBA President) who, from time to time, will attempt to "get to the Bottom of things" (his pun).

Acting as the Voice of Foggy Bottom we will, of course, still try to keep you informed about issues and happenings of interest to the community.

## NEW RESIDENTS— IT'S EASY TO JOIN THE FBA

If you're new to the area, and are interested in neighborhood activities, join the Foggy Bottom Association. Contact Membership Chairman Nancy Young, 337-6342.

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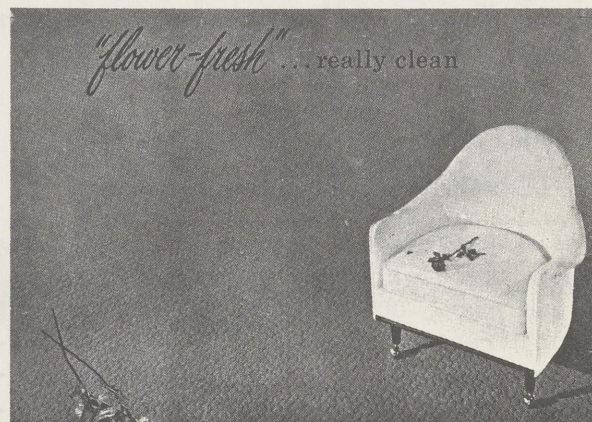
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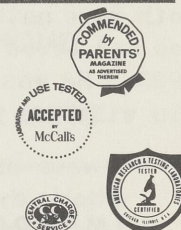


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## A SAD NOTE—

A familiar form on the 25th Street scene will no longer be seen. Gi-Gi, the lovely white poodle who resided at 819 - 25th Street, has succumbed to the illnesses of old age. Gi-Gi, who was eleven years old, was the pet of Harry and Betty Brown (and many others in the neighborhood).





## J'ever Notice . . .

. . . those beautiful Pyracantha bushes behind St. Paul's and on Harry and Betty Brown's house . . . after parking on the southeast corner of 25th and Eye that you return to a sapful of car . . . that Rose Policelli, of the Washington Circle Valet, is never without that radiant smile (even on Mondays, yet) . . . how increasingly difficult it is to dodge those Virginia cars in the A.M. . . . that the vest-pocket park at the foot of Queen Anne's Lane is shaping up nicely . . . the bleak, empty lobby in the Potomac House (wonder if whoever took the furniture and rug will ever return them?) . . . that the Kennedy Center is finally getting up in the world . . . the absolute beauty of our fall sunsets . . . that Washington Circle Drugs is branching out all over . . . the nice new paint job on Rosenblatt's Market . . . the patches of pumpkins here and there . . . that the darling little girl in the pram about town is "Sweetpea" Schoeneman.

### MR. AND MRS. HARROD DEAD; LONG RESIDENTS OF I STREET

Foggy Bottom suffered a recent double loss in the deaths of James H. Harrod, 51, and his wife, Odessa Mann Harrod, 47, of 2520 I Street. Mrs. Harrod succumbed several weeks ago to an illness, and her husband died two weeks later of a heart attack. Both were natives of the City, and Mr. Harrod had lived at the I Street address since 1923. He was a guard at the Pentagon, and his wife was employed at NIH.

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June 20, 1968 . . . . .	June 7

Copy for each issue must be in the hands of the Editor on or before the deadline date in order to ensure publication. Copy may be mailed to the "Foggy Bottom News," c/o J. Edelstein, 950 - 25th Street, N.W. (Apt. 815); or left at the desk of 950 - 25th Street.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 30 MEETING

1) The Board election announced for the November meeting cancelled; report of Board vacancy was in error; 2) Final plans for subway reported; will run down Eye Street with a stop at 23rd Street; plans uncertain at present whether construction will be by tunneling under the street or by excavating from surface; 3) Motion carried to commend Highway Department for work on 27th and 24th Street park areas.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

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If the by-laws of the Association should preclude such an approach to the problem, would it not be just to remind ourselves every time a vote such as this comes up, of the small advantage or pleasure derived by us from our saying "aye" to any proposal in comparison to a much bigger loss or inconvenience to those directly affected by a decision taken by our group, even if those people are in the minority? . . .

Mrs. Valentine O'Neill

## MEMO FROM THE TREASURY

At last we are in the black! But not far. So all FBA Committees are reminded of the new requirement that all expenses of over five dollars must be approved by the Treasurer in advance, there being no certainty that an unapproved item will be reimbursed.

Elizabeth Davis  
Treasurer

## GET RID OF YOUR OLD CLOTHES!

The annual Thanksgiving Clothing Drive of St. Stephen's Church is being conducted through November 26. Recipients will be the needy all over the world. Any usable but unwanted clothing you wish to contribute may be deposited through that date at St. Stephen's Hall, 25th and Pennsylvania Avenue.

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## DEPUTY MAYOR FLETCHER SPEAKS TO FBA IN MAY

The City's newly-appointed Deputy Mayor, Thomas W. Fletcher, has agreed to speak at the Foggy Bottom Association's May 27 meeting. FBA President Charles Schoeneman has received the following letter from Mr. Fletcher in response to an invitation to speak:

Mr. Charles W. Schoeneman  
President, Foggy Bottom Association  
2510 Virginia Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schoeneman:


Thank you for your invitation to speak to the Foggy Bottom Association. I am happy to accept and prefer May 27. I will look forward to hearing from you with respect to details.

Sincerely yours,  
Thomas W. Fletcher  
Deputy Mayor

This will obviously be an outstanding opportunity for Foggy Bottom residents to make contact with the new City government in the most direct way. Although the May 27 meeting seems a little far off, here in November, mark it down now on your calendar. You won't want to miss it.

## BE A REPORTER FOR THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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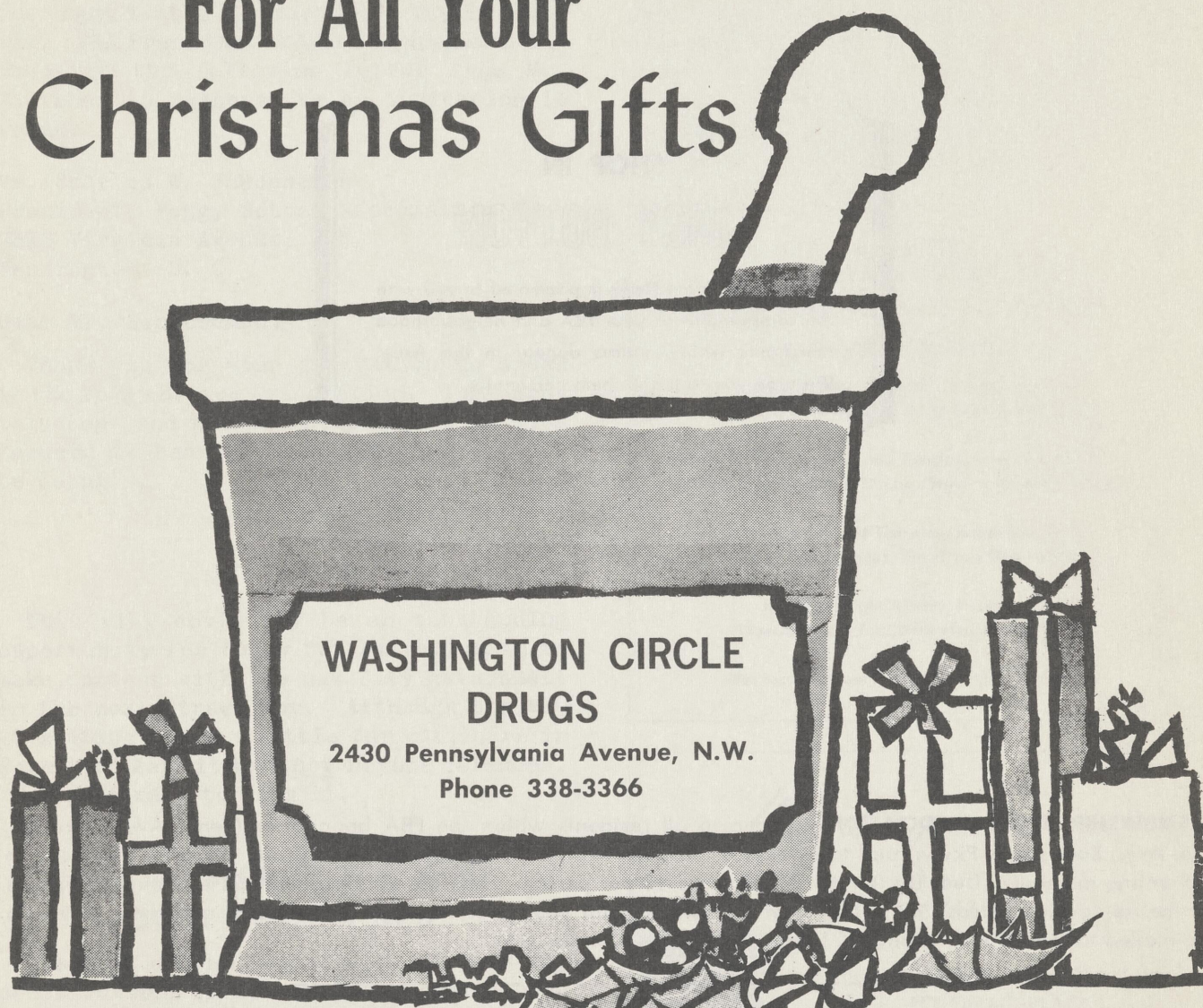
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